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Another Europe for another World - Act together now for Alternatives!

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We would like to inform you in this newsletter about the present status of the preparations for the European Summer University (ESU).

Organisational matters:

Attac's first summer university will be held at the University of Saarbrücken from **Friday the 1st August 2008 till Wednesday the 6th August 2008**. We look forward to up to 1000 participants from all over Europe who will spend five days together learning, discussing and creating campaigns and networks. Even the preparations will be significantly marked by the international nature of the event:

The individual events will take place in **multiple working languages**. There will be - partially - simultaneous translations. In the large Forums in three languages, in the smaller workshops probably in two.

The regular **registration fee** is **100.- Euros**, the reduced fee 80.- Euros, the solidarity fee 120.-Euros, all inclusive of food and lodging in the Gym or partially in tents. Whoever can afford the solidarity fee helps someone with less money to attend for the reduced fee.

As the costs for this ESU are high due to its international nature, we request you to **register and pay up early** – best before the **30th April 2008**. That is the only way we can keep the financial risks associated with the ESU as low as possible.

Programm:

The program is already taking shape: From Saturday till Tuesday there will be more than a hundred two day and four day workshops, also large forums for different major themes, as well as in the evenings, plenary sessions and discussion circles. The ESU is conceived for **active Attacians** from all over Europe, and that defines the contextual focus: It is all about democratising the economy, the matter of combining ecological and social questions, common Actions and campaigns, networking and cooperation.

"How can we fight for a democratic Europe, which activities can we pursue together in future?". This will be the subject of a discussion between the vice president of Attac France **Aurélie Trouvé**, **Christian Felber** of Attac Austria (coordinator of the initiative „10 principles for a democratic Europe“) and **Idar Helle** of Attac Norway.

We want to develop perspectives for a social Europe – for example with **Kenneth Haar** from Attac Denmark, **Michela Marksova-Tominova** from the Czech Republic (Karat Coalition) and **Ricardo Gomez** from Attac Spain. **Sara Giorlando** from Attac Italy will report on the anti privatisation struggles in Italy and **Lucile Dumas** from Attac Marokko will report on the consequences of the „Global Europe“ strategy on matters of migration as well as „fortress Europe“. Inherently Attac themes such as the financial markets and taxes are of course also part of the program. At the ESU you can meet such well know Attac members as **Susan George**, as well as exchange views with activists from Norway, France, Austria, Belgium, Spain and many other countries about your ideas. There are already concrete plans for Workshops on many of the contexts of Attac work. If you would like to know more just visit our web site!

Workspace:

For the collective preparation of the workshops we have set up a **Workspace** under www.attac.de/esu/intern where more than a hundred people are already active. The working language is English, and at least two countries must be represented within each workshop. If you are interested in helping to organise a workshop please register your name in our workspace.

Culture:

We are in the process of developing a colourful and exciting cultural program for the ESU. Exhibitions, Films, discussions, join-in-activities, hidden theater as well as action-art are particularly prominent. Beyond that are concerts and parties both within and outside the campus. We are particularly interested in providing a platform for those artists from Europe as well as from the region who, in their personal or public life, support movements critical of globalisation.

We look forward to your registrations, to a lot of your help and to you!

Best wishes from your ESU preparation group!

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